

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The newspaper/broadcast

cross-ownership cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Monopolies and oligopolies are harmful enough in other industries, but they are disastrous when they control the media. Consumers and citizens need diverse independent resources for information, especially in the information age.